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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 0683

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FOR SECRETARY FROM HINTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, OCOM, OTRA, CG

SUBJECT: MOBUTU'SPEECH TO AAI CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 015843; KINSHASA 641

1. MAURICE TEMPELSMAN AND LARRY DEVLIN BREAKFASTED ALONE  
WITH MOBUTU JANARY 23. TEMPELSMAN, AFTER PREPARING WAY,  
WORKED CONVERSATION AROUND TO EXPLAINING WHY,  
IN HIS VIEW, MOBUTU HAD MADE A MISTAKE IN COMMENTING ON  
DAVIS NOMINATION. TEMPELSMAN LAID OUT DOMESTIC POLITICAL  
ANGLES OF ISSUE, SAID PRESIDENT'S VIEWS SHOULD HAVE BEEN  
CONVEYED PRIVATELY IF AT ALL. HE REPORTS THAT MOBUTU WAS  
FULLY AWARE OF CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY "THE AGITATED AMERICAN  
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AMBASSADOR" AND QUITE "SHEEPISH ABOUT ENTIRE INCIDENT."

MOBUTU, AS PARAMOUNT CHIEF OF ZAIRE, DOES NOT ADMIT TO MISTAKES BUT TEMPELSMAN SAYS HE KNOWS HE MADE ONE. HE DID TELL TEMPELSMAN HE KNEW " I AM NOT LIKED IN WASHINGTON."

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, BISENGIMANA FORTHRIGHTLY ADMITTED TO TEMPELSMAN MISTAKE HAD BEEN MADE.

3. CONGRESSMAN JOHN ANDERSON TOLD ME HIS ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION WAS THAT STORM UNLEASHED BY DIGGS, BUILDING ON MOBUTU SLIP, WOULD QUICKLY BLOW OVER. HE SEEMED FIND IT HARD TAKE MATTER SERIOUSLY.

4. CONGRESSMAN PETE BEISTER TELLS ME THAT AT DINNER BIESENGIMANA GAVE FOR EIGHT CONGRESSMEN LAST EVENING, BIESENGIMANA PRE-EMPTED DISCUSSION OF ISSUE BY BEGINNING WITH FLAT ASSERTION THAT WHATEVER MINOR SQUALLS OR DIFFERENCES AROSE BETWEEN US AND ZAIRE, ZAIRE UNDERSTOOD NEED FOR AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND INTENDED TO PRESERVE FRIENDSHIP.

5. IN MY VIEW, POINTS HAVE BEEN MADE, LESSON LEARNED, AND THERE NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS OR STATEMENTS ON THIS ISSUE. TIME HAS COME TO COOL IT AND TO TRY TO RESTORESENSE OF PRIVATE COMMUNICATION AND TRUST WHICH SHOULD BE SO IMPORTANT FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. HINTON UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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